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Commissioner for Patents

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejected claims 10 and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph because those claims respectively depended from canceled claims.

Claims 10, 16 and 17 have been amended so that claim 10 depends from claim 9, and claims 16 and 17 depend from claim 15.

Allowable Subject Matter

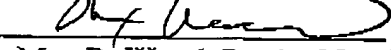
Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 3-7, 9, 11 13 and 15. Applicant also gratefully acknowledges the notice that claims 10 and 16-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In view of the amendments to claims 10, 16 and 17, claims 3-7, 9-13 and 15-17 still pending in this application are considered to be in a condition for immediate allowance. Favourable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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